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1 AN ACT Relating to cost savings on course materials for students at
2 community and technical colleges; and amending RCW 28B.10.590.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.590 and 2006 c 81 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The boards of regents of the state universities (~~and~~) the
7 boards of trustees of the regional universities and The Evergreen State
8 College, and the boards of trustees of each community and technical
9 college district, in collaboration with affiliated bookstores and
10 student and faculty representatives, shall adopt rules requiring that:

11 (a) Affiliated bookstores:

12 (i) Provide students the option of purchasing materials that are
13 unbundled when possible, disclose to faculty and staff the costs to
14 students of purchasing materials, and disclose publicly how new
15 editions vary from previous editions;

16 (ii) Actively promote and publicize book buy-back programs; and

17 (iii) Disclose retail costs for course materials on a per course
18 basis to faculty and staff and make this information publicly
19 available; and

1 (b) Faculty and staff members consider the least costly practices
2 in assigning course materials, such as adopting the least expensive
3 edition available when educational content is comparable as determined
4 by the faculty and working closely with publishers and local bookstores
5 to create bundles and packages if they deliver cost savings to
6 students.

7 (2) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Materials" means any supplies or texts required or recommended
9 by faculty or staff for a given course.

10 (b) "Bundled" means a group of objects joined together by packaging
11 or required to be purchased as an indivisible unit.

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